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SUBJECT: LEBANESE SITUATION

1. AMBASSADOR SAW MINISTER OF COURT ALAM EVENING JUNE 8 DURING WHICH LATTER TOLD HIM OF RECENT MEETING HE HAD WITH LEBANESE AMBASSADOR AL-KHALIL WHO PRESENTED VERY GLOOMY PROGNOSIS OF LEBANON'S FUTURE. KHALIL SAID ARMED PALESTINIANS NOW NUMBER ABOUT 40,000 WHILE LEBANESE ARMY IS ONLY ABOUT 15,000. LEBANESE ARE DIVIDED INTO MANY FACTIONS WITH SHI'AS FIGHTING SUNNIS, PALESTINIANS FIGHTING LEBANESE, AND MUSLIMS FIGHTING CHRISTIANS. VARIOUS INFLUENCES IDENTIFIED AS RUSSIAN, LIBYAN AND CHINESE ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THESE DIFFERENCES. KHALIL SAID SITUATION IN LEBANON IS ALMOST HOPELESS AND ASKED THROUGH ALAM FOR SHAH'S COUNSEL ABOUT WHAT MIGHT BE DONE.

2. ALAM ASKED KHALIL WHAT LEBANON WOULD DO IF IT DID GET HELP. WHAT, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD IT DO ABOUT THE PALESTINIANS? KHALIL REPLIED THAT LEBANON DOES NOT WANT TO ELIMINATE THE PALESTINIANS, IT ONLY WANTS TO CONTROL THE SITUATION WITHIN ITS BORDERS AND ELIMINATE THE GROWTH OF A STATE WITHIN A STATE.

3. ALAM TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT THE SHAH DOUBTS MUCH OF ANYTHING CAN BE DONE AND HE CERTAINLY DOES NOT WANT TO
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GET INVOLVED IN A LOSING GAME. THE SHAH WONDERED WHETHER
ANY OTHER COUNTRY WAS DOING ANYTHING TO HELP OUT. SPECI-
FICALLY, DID THE US HAVE ANY CLEAR ASSESSMENT OF THE
SITUATION AND/OR PLAN FOR ASSISTANCE?

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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